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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO IRAN

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF ZALMAI MAHMOOD GHAZI AS AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 13.
- 2. GHAZI IS SON OF LATE SHAH MAHMUD KHAN GHAZI (FORMER PM) AND COUSIN OF EX-KING ZAHIR SHAH. BORN 1924. GHAZI'S WIFE, SHINKAI, IS DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT DAUD. GHAZI STAYS IN DAUD'S HOME WHEN IN KABUL, AND SAID TO HAVE HIS CONFIDENCE.
- 3. GHAZI HOLDS BA FROM HARVARD; MA FROM COLUMBIA 1952; POLITICAL SCIENCE PHD FROM GENEVA UNIVERSITY, 1957. JOINED MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1957 AS DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPT. FIRST SECRETARY AFGHAN EMB WASHINGTON 1959. DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL, UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS DEPT, MFA, 1962. APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, BRUSSELS, VIENNA, 1965; AMBASSADOR TO LONDON, OSLO, THEHAGUE 1971. GHAZI HAS BEEN DELEGATE IN TALKS WITH USSR AND CHINA AND AFGHAN DELEGATE TO UNGA.
- 4. GHAZI'S APPOINTMENT CHARACTERIZED BY DEPFONMIN AS SIGNAL TO GOI OF DAUD'S DESIRE CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT BILATERAL RELATIONS BEGUN DURING PREVIOUS REGIME. HIS CLOSENESS TO DAUD IS KEY.
 WE HAVE LONG REGARDED GHAZI AS EFFECTIVE, EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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